

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 4-15, 21, 26 and 28 are currently in this application with claims 16-20, 22-25, and 27 cancelled, claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, and 13-14 amended and new claim 28 added herein, no new matter has been added.

Initially, the clarification of the restriction requirement by the Examiner is appreciated.

Further, the indicating in the office action that claims 4-15 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form is also appreciated.

In the office action of September 6, 2006, claims 1-2, 21, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2001/0005676 to Masuda.

In response, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 4 and intervening claim 3 as originally recited. Accordingly, it is submitted that independent claim 1 as amended contains allowable subject matter and is allowable. Claims 2, 5-15, 21 and 26, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1 are allowable therewith.

It is respectfully submitted that new claim 28 patentably distinguishes over Masuda and is allowable for similar reasons as independent claims 1. As best understood, Masuda is directed to a system registering as a home zone, all areas that communications regarding a certain terminal are allowed and managing the home zone. It is submitted that Masuda's invention is different from the instant invention. More specifically, it is submitted that the relied upon portions of Masuda fail to teach "first and second areas" as recited in claim 28. Further, Masuda fail to teach or suggest "a managing unit to manage at least one terminal that communication in the second area is allowed, regarding only the second area in the first and second areas."

For at least the foregoing reasons it is submitted that independent claim 28 patentably distinguishes over Masuda and is allowable.

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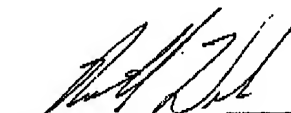
CONCLUSION

Allowance of the claims remaining in the present application is earnestly solicited.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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